

I am a college professor (economics) and a radio amateur. I have been licensed for 25 years. The amateur radio hobby has always been populated by knowledgeable and capable individuals with proven skills. Contrast this to the sad situation of Citizen's Band radio. The frequencies used are adjacent to one another but the licensing rules are very different. Eliminating the Morse code requirement would push amateur radio into a "new Citizen's Band." I recommend that the Commission retain the code requirement as an effective entry barrier. Please help us retain those skilled and capable amateurs we now have.